the country church. He, of all tors, is the one on whom are made largest dhmands. It was Spurn who said he never had grace ugh to be the pastor of a small ntry church. My object in writing not to make a comparison of ntry vs. city ministers, but to ak of the hindrances against much dy by the country pastor. The ent of the pastorate is against much e for study. Reports from various ds, of different denominations, re- l the fact that nearly all the min- ers in the country have much ter- ory to cover. There are from two seven, or eight different appoint- nts from five to fifty miles separated. e hours spent on the road, the time essary for the care of his beast &c., exceedingly large in the aggre- e for the year. The time spent on s pastorate last year in this manner uld equal one hour per. day for an tire college course of four years.

The time need not be lost, for the nd can be active, though one can- t study Greek or Hebrew. The termined and consecrated man will ke even these things serve him. st as the seaman makes use of pposing winds, so the wise, deter- ined pastor can work out some prec- us christian truth as the pony jogs n.

Solomon was right when he said uch study is a weariness to the flesh. nd I am right when I say much lving over country roads, in all kinds weather, is not conductive to fresh- ess of the physical man. The city inister can go to his study at e close of a social service in a few inutes, and give two hours or more hard brain work. The country astor can drive twelve miles or more, are for his faithful horse, remove his raps, and if the two hours are not one he is a hustler. When he must eds do this four or five nights per eek, he can sometimes be excused if the Lord's day he is not as fresh d vigorous as some might wish.

Beside this lack of time, there are many demands for work. Work of reat variety, too. The country par- n must not only be able to preach— hich is a very important part of his ork, especially when he has a oughful, reading country people as is hearers—but he must be good in e prayer service, a specialist in Sun- ay school work, not overlooking the ew departments therein; he must en- ourage the C. E. Society and see that he work thereof is well in hand; he ust be a financier, not only for him- elf, but for the parish; missions, ome and foreign, the educational ork &c, must all have his attention. What I have mentioned is as nothing ompared with the list of demands pon him that might be written. hink of funerals, marriages, the tem- erance work, the day schools. He ust make many calls. Do not the ick, the bereaved, the poor, the aged ave a special claim on him? Have ot his wife and family some part? He ust interest himself in the publica- ions of his denomination, and report ny item of progress. Then there is pecial work, perhaps helping a brother inister. Must he not know the mat- ers of importance in the wide world, rogress in social and theological life, &c., &c.? And the end is not yet. His correspondence is likely to be arge, for his friends are many. Many uestions and calls for aid come to him. He must answer the questions and re- pond to the appeals for aid. Minis- ers' pockets are always full? Every book agent visits him, expecting to ell, and every vender of new and ancy goods must have a recommenda- ion from him. All the patent medi- ines and nostrums have some preach- er's name enrolled, as among the ulliable.

And yet the minister must and can get time to study. If he does not, he will soon be passed by. He will soon lose his standing. He must have a plan. System is absolutely necessary. If this is neglected, the time will pass without the work being done. Good intentions and resolutions avail not. Just as the business man has his hours to go and come, so must the progressive minister. He must be economical of time. He must know the value of time. Moments must count. He must learn how to give his full attention to the matter in hand. There is no royal road for the minister in this matter. There is only one way of salvation, and there is only one way of success. The geuluses have been plodders. If the ministers follow on this way, the "old minister will not have to be shot."

Our work is hard. It is also blessed, and many compensations come here and now, with the prospect continually brightening till the glory dawns.

J. E. GOSLINE.

Temple Parsonage, Barrington,
Jan. 2nd, 1900, A. D.

War Notes.

Last week we mentioned the possibility of the fall of Ladysmith. At that writing the public mind in Britain and elsewhere was burdened with the gravity of the sit ation of the brave garrison which had held out so bravely through many most trying weeks. Before that paragraph reached its readers word came that General White had given another proof of his good generalship and the troops under him had shown again the stuff of which British soldiers are made. The general's report which was dated the 8th inst., said:

"An attack was commenced on my position but was chiefly against Caesar's camp and Waggon Hill. The enemy was in great strength and pushed the attack with the greatest courage and energy. Some of our entrenchments on Waggon Hill were three times taken by the enemy and re-taken by us.

"The attack continued until 7.30 p. m. One point in our position was occupied by the enemy the whole day, but, at dusk in a very heavy rain storm they were turned out of this position at the point of the bayonet in a most gallant manner by the Devons, led by Col. Park.

'The troops had a very trying time and have behaved excellently. They are elated at the service they have rendered the Queen.

"The enemy were repulsed everywhere with very heavy loss exceeding that on my side, which will be reported as soon as the lists are completed."

Later, the British losses were reported as about 117 killed and wounded, and the Boer losses about 2000.

The Queen telegraphed her thanks to General White and his brave soldiers

Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchner arrived at Capetown on the 10th inst.

Friday a despatch from General Buller said: "I occupied the south bank of the Tugela river at Potgieter's drift this Thursday morning and seized Pont. The river is in flood. The enemy is strongly entrenched four and a half miles to the north."

For several days there has been much anxiety about General Buller's movements, it being believed that he was making an attempt to cross the Tugela, and move on to the relief of Ladysmith.

The latest news at this writing came on Monday, and is encouraging news: Gen. Warren crossed the Tugela river.

Gen. Wood for the first time in the campaign has established a post in the enemy's country, with a force of all arms. He took up a position Jan. 6th at Zeontspans Drift, on north side of Orange river, in the Free State.

The latest estimate of the Boer strength, based on carefully gathered information, is that there are now about 100 000 men in the field.

Twenty-two transports for South Africa will shortly leave England. 25,000 men and 72 guns will be landed in South Africa within two weeks.

The difficulties between England and the United States and Germany regarding the seizing of ships will doubtless be amicably settled. It is certain that much contraband stuff has found a way into the Transvaal.

The Canadian troops in South Africa have been able to render good service, and have been highly commended for their fine manly and soldierly qualities.

Lord Strathcona's offer to equip 400 mounted Canadians for service in Africa has been accepted. It is a magnificent offer. The men will, probably, be mostly from the North-west Territories and British Columbia, and will be of the "Rough Riders" class. The cost to Lord Strathcona will be more than a half million dollars.

One of the steamers, the Montezuma, chartered te transport the Canadian troops, has been condemned because typhoid fever made its appearance amongst the crew. The Militia department has done wisely in refusing to use her, though she is an unusually large and a very fine ship.

Carleton County Council, at its meeting last week, voted to effect an insurance of $1000 on each volunteer enlisted in the Woodstock quota of the contingent. It was a most worthy thing to do.

So far as is known to the public at this writing the first transport will sail from Halifax on Saturday. There may, however, be a change in the date.

Mission News And Notes.

—In the North China Mission there are 6,403 members, two houses of worship, and seven day schools with one hundred and fifty pupils.

—It is estimated that under the darkness of fetishism, 4,000 000 persons are yearly burned, mutilated, or otherwise sacrificed in superstitious cruelty.

—The first letter from a foreign missionary received in this country was in 1717, and was answered by books and money. The reply to the gift was fourteen months coming, and the missionary died during the time. —Earnest Worker.

—In Egypt, with a total population of 9,734,000, the British and Foreign Bible Society last year circulated 23,705 copies of the Bible, or portions thereof. Besides these, 60,000 copies of religious books and tracts were distributed in different parts of Egypt.

—A number of Mohammedan soldiers, having served in Uganda, upon their return, to India, applied to missionaries for Bibles, saying they had observed what a change Christianity had made in the natives of Africa, and were anxious to see for themselves what was the cause of it.

Healthy, Happy Girls.

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—A writer on Chinese matters, says: "If Christian missions in China advance in the next thirty-five years in the same ratio as in the past thirty-five years, there will be at the end of that time 26,000,000 of communicants and a Christian community of 100,000 000 people, one fourth of the Chinese nation."

—There are thirty-six missionary societies doing work among the Jews. They employ 600 missionaries, and have an aggregate income of $600 000. The total number of baptisms reported last year is not large, being only 139. It is reckoned by a missionary who has made a very careful inquiry into the matter that at least 224,000 Jews have been won to Christianity in this century.

—Dr. Dobbins in the Examiner of November 16 tells of a triumph of truth. A Kaffir had gathered about him a body of 2,000 converts to Christianity. By a simple study of the Bible, their leaders became convinced that immersion was the true baptism and independency the true form of church government. Twenty-nine of these, including seventeen pastors, have been immersed, and it is expected that the entire body will follow.

—Of mission work in China it is reported: "From year to year the work has grown, until now no one having even a modicum of interest in and love for the cause of Christ and the souls of men, can look upon it without being profoundly stirred. To day fifty-four denominations are at work, leaving out Catholics, of course. They are represented by nearly 2 500 missionaries, while the native workers number over 5 000. There are over 80,000 Christians, and not a mail crosses the waters, but bears the glad tidings, already borne to heaven by the angels, that keep glad watch over the work, that the Kingdom is coming in China, that day by day long open and bleeding wounds are being healed by the Balm of Gilead,"

Home Religious News

—Rev. G. F. Scovil (Episcopal) of Prince William, has been invited to St. Jude's church, St. John, west, and has accepted.

—Rev. E. P. Calder has become pastor of the Centreville, Knoxford and Good Settlement Baptist churches, in Carleton Co.

Denominational News.

BALD HILL, Q. Co.—I am glad to be able to report the work of the Lord prospering. I have been nearly five weeks at Bald Hill, and we have been much blessed; old and young are praising the Lord, and some who have been a long time absent have come again to join in the service of God. Christmas day I baptized nine, and on the 7th inst. four more. So the number of soldiers of the Cross is being increased. To-morrow (Tuesday) the special meetings here will close, and work will be begun at Wickham. Pray for us, brethren, that God's blessing may attend the work.

T. O. DeWitt.

FROM REV. J. A. ROBERTSON.—I have been very much troubled with my throat of late, so much so that I was unable to preach last Sabbath. I cannot seem to get anything to help it. I have been waiting patiently, and hoping it might get better soon. In other respects my health seems quite good. I would earnestly ask my brethren to pray for me, that I might soon be able to preach again. I am glad to hear of some of the brethren being blessed in their work. I hope many more may be blessed.

JOHN A ROBERTSON.

F'ton Junction,
Jan. 12th.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—One young man was received for baptism and church membership last Wednesday.

MINISTERS.—Rev. G. Swim was in the city a few hours on Wednesday. He has been assisting Rev. C. B. Lewis at Oromocto and Rusiagornish. He intends (D. V.) to be at Beaver Harbour on Friday next, 19th inst., to begin special meetings.

We regret to hear of bro. Robertson having trouble with his throat. We hope he may soon be better, and able to resume preaching. His brethren will not forget him in their prayers.

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Marriages.

MCCRACKIN-TRACY.—At the residence of the brides' mother, Fredericton Junction, on the 10th inst, by Rev. John A. Robertson, Mr. George McCrackin, of Denver, Mass, to Miss Etta M. Tracy, of Fredericton Junction, N. B.

DOUCETT-MCFARLANE.—On the 3rd inst, at the Free Baptist parsonage, Rockland, C. Co., by Rev. John Perry, Mr. Caleb P. Doucett and Miss Margaret McFarlane, both of Knoolesville, C. Co.

MCCOMISKEY-HAMILTON.—At the residence of Mr. Geo. Bucrane, Yar. N. S. Jan. 9th. by Rev. F. S. Hartley, Mr. Ross J. McComiskey, of Yar., to Miss Lizzie E. Hamilton, of Pubnico Head.

Deaths.

PATTERSON.—At Shanklin, St. John Co, on the 3rd inst, James W. Patterson, in the 75th year of his age, leaving a wife, one son and one sister, to mourn their sad loss.

SLIPP.—At Upper Hampstead, Q. Co., January 2nd, of apoplexy, Phebe E. relict of the late John Slipp, aged 54 years leaving two brothers and one sister, together with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Sister Slipp was a worthy member of the Free Baptist church at Upper Hampstead. She was faithful unto death, and has entered into rest. She will be much missed. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, assisted by Revs. G. W. Springer and J. Bennet Anderson (Baptist). A large congregation attended the services, showing the high esteem in which the deceased sister was held by the community and adjoining districts.

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